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REGION 5

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation
Press Conference

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On Friday, April 11, a press conference was held in the offices of the city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota in order to announce the tentative settlement of the Reilly Tar case. Bill Constantelos spoke on behalf of U.S. EPA. He commended all of the people who were involved in bringing the negotiations to a conclusion in the form of this settlement and he particularly congratulated the efforts of the state of Minnesota and emphasized how much we appreciated the amount of resources and quality of help which they provided in this case. He then explained the various steps which the consent decree had to go through before the settlement became final. The other speakers were Tom Kalitowski, director of the MPCA, Hubert Humphrey III Minnesota's Attorney General and Lyle Hanks, Mayor of the City of St. Louis Park. The press conference went smoothly and was well attended by the local television and press media.

The schedule for finalization of the consent decree is as follows: On April 8 in closed session the city council voted to have the City of St. Louis Park enter into the Reilly Tar consent decree. On April 9th, Reilly Tar signed the consent decree. On April 17th, a public meeting is being held at, which time representatives of the city, of the State and of U.S. EPA will answer questions which the public may pose with regard to the consent decree. On April 21, the city council for the City of St. Louis Park will formally approve the consent decree. On April 22, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizen Board will have a public meeting, after which they will

approve the consent decree. It will then be signed by officials from the State of Minnesota and sent to U.S. EPA Region V for signature. I had set up a briefing with Mr. Adamkus for 3:00 next Thursday, April 24 to be attended by Regional Counsel and Waste Management Division. At the request of Waste Management Division this had to be changed to Monday, April 28 at 3:00. Following the signature of Mr. Adamkus the consent decree will be sent to EPA Headquarters for signature and then to the Department of Justice for their signature. The consent decree will then be lodged in the Federal District Court for the District of Minnesota for a minimum of 30 days and a federal register notice will be published indicating that a 30 day comment period for the consent decree has been commenced. Following completion of the comment period, the comments will be reviewed and the court will be apprised of such comments and of the response of the United States to such comments. It will then be requested that the consent decree be entered by the Court.

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